and the States in the ratio of 90:10. In the case of the North-Eastern States, however, the entire expenditure will be borne by the Government of India.

(c) The Central assistance to the States for the Work Plans will be in the ratio of 80% Grant and 20% Loans.

(d) New intiative by the State Government will be governed by the following criteria:—

— It would not be covered under any other approved scheme of Central Government,

— It would not be part of any on-going State Scheme,

— Expenditure on new initiative would not be more that 10% of the allocation to a State under the Scheme of Macro-Management.

(e) There should be a cap of subsidy to farmers incorporated in the Work Plans. Subsidy per farmer or per activity should not exceed the present subsidy level approved under 27 identified schemes.

(f) While the Union Department of Agriculture and Cooperation would have flexibility for reallocation, expenditure under individual components would not be in excess of 20% of what has been incurred in the last year.

(g) Creation of posts and purchase of new staff vehicles should not be included in the Work Plans.

**Technical orientation of agricultural scientists**

†618. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Agricultural Scientists have been sent abroad for technical orientation, under the Human Resource Development Scheme of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, during the last few years;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details of the total income derived from and expenditure incurred on it;

(c) what benefit students have derived from it in their academic activities; and

(d) the details of the process of selection and the rules and regulations under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No income has been derived from and the expenditure incurred during last three years is US $ 1,230,041.

(c) Scientists who were sent abroad sensitized the other scientists by sharing their experiences. Students have derived following benefits in their academic activities:

* Course curriculum revised and new courses in tune with current needs introduced
* The pedagogy has been modified to lay more emphasis on practicals
* Greater emphasis on evaluation of teaching and teachers by students
* Realization for and introduction of interdisciplinary courses
* Number of lecture handouts increased
* Scientists are increasingly using internet for literature search. This is leading to providing latest developments in agricultural sciences. Students are also induced to use internet to search literature for planning of research projects.
* Students performance evaluation system has improved by including class room discussion, case study etc.
* Increased number of laboratory manuals and lecture notes are being prepared.

(d) Procedure/rules for selection of scientists for overseas visits are

well defined. Final selection of the country and laboratory for visit is made with the help of FAO. The following procedure is followed in the selection of scientists:

* The priority areas based on the country's needs and gaps in competence were identified by the AHRD project overseas nomination screening Committee.
* Selection of the scientists at the Division/Department level by involving Board of Studies.
* Recomendation of the nomination at the Institute level by Dean/Director.
* Approval of the nomination by the AHRD project overseas nomination screening Committee.
* Processing of the nominations by the DARE for approval of the Union Agriculture Minister.

**Institute of fisheries education-A centre of excellance**

619. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recommendations of Quinqennial Review Team in 1993, to make the Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai, a centre of excellence and to attain international competence have not been implemented;

(b) if so, what are the details of those recommendations;

(c) the reasons for not implementing them; and

(d) by when these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.